

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.*

#### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle door handle device comprising:  
an electric part having a first face and a second face opposite to the first face,  
the electric part being which is received within an internal space formed within a door  
handle to abut an inner surface of the door handle at the first face and so as to form  
a gap between the ~~electric part and an~~ inner surface of the door handle at the  
second face; and

~~an~~ a first elastic member which is mounted on the second face of the electric  
part, and is disposed within the gap to be pressed against the inner surface of the  
door handle and the second face of the electric part.

2. (Currently Amended) The vehicle door handle device according to claim  
1, further comprising a second elastic member attached to an edge of the electric  
part,

wherein a projection is formed on the inner surface of the door handle,  
projecting correspondingly to the second elastic member, ~~[[;]]~~ and

wherein the second elastic member is pressed against the inner surface of the  
door handle through the projection.

3. (Original) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 1,

wherein the door handle includes a handle body and a handle cover; and  
at least one of the handle body and the handle cover has a reinforcing portion  
formed along the electric part.

4. (Currently Amended) The vehicle door handle device according to claim  
3,

wherein the reinforcing portion is formed on one of the handle body and the  
handle cover;

the reinforcing portion has a retaining groove; and

the other of the handle body and the handle cover has a retaining claw  
engageable with the retaining groove used for fixing the handle body and the handle  
cover to each other.

5. (Original) The vehicle door handle device according to claim 1,  
wherein the electric part includes a first electric part, and a second electric part  
having signal wires fixed to the first electric part; and  
the signal wires are flexible.